

THE MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL--SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1861.

LOCAL MATTERS.

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RECORDOR'S COURT.—Yesterday's business at this institution sums up as follows: Fifteen cases, eight charged with fighting, three with intoxication, one with misbehavior and three with being disorderly; seven paid fine to the amount of \$12, four were sent to the chain-gang and four were discharged.

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The following case is set for to-day, (Saturday): State vs. Peter Flannery, for the murder of John Steele. Attorney-General Elbridge for the State, and Verger, Sale and W. Colman, for the defendant.

Should this cause not be tried, or not occupy

the day, the court will call and dispose of the following cases: 621, State vs. Webb; 607, State vs. McCarthy; 709, State vs. Parfington; 725, State vs. Steyer; 735, State vs. Batton; 741, State vs. Harriet; 742, State vs. Phelps & Rose; 752, State vs. Kiv; 761, State vs. Davis; 769, State vs. Garibaldi; and also the cases pending on the misdemeanor docket, excepting those set for trial.

On Change—Business News.

The Columbus embargo on grain and produce still continues to be a fruitful subject of discussion. Palermo on "Change" from within the limits of publication, of that position, which they are placed by the embargo. They say they have cheerfully contributed to the comfort of the army, and are ready to do as much as any in behalf of the southern cause, but they do not like being denied the liberty of going to market, they do not like produce spoiling on their hands, from the process of which they should pay their taxes, and lay in their supplies, and they do not like the idea of being compelled to accept of one price for their produce while their neighbors, beyond the boundaries, get another and higher price. There is a growing disposition to appeal to Richmond.

Sales of wheat were made at \$1.50—\$1.60 was generally asked. Flour was at \$2.00—\$2.15, according to quality. The Richmond, Va., *Herald* of Monday quotes corn scarce and in demand at 80 cents, oats 50 cents, wheat at 90¢ to 95¢ per bushel, and \$1.25—\$1.50 for white.

The opinion is very generally expressed that patriotic duty, wise policy, and benevolent feeling, all require the planter for the coming year to abandon the planting of cotton for that of corn, wheat, potatoes, and other necessities of life. Speakers expressed their desire that the planter generally should know that the war is not to be the short effort of a few months; that it is to trust the South rather than the acknowledged garrison that as a force in the field.

The men of the New Orleans Delta, "the policy of the country is to starve us out, to substitute for a trial of arms, a trial of resources, endurance, and non-intercourse." This change in their strategy has been prompted by the fact that the South should during the present war and blockade continue in its old course, of devoting its land, labor and capital to a production which it can not make available for the support of its people; if it continues to raise cotton and tobacco, which it cannot convert into money with which to purchase the necessities of life, and is further prevented from such purchases by the blockade—there must be no little suffering and hardship among our people, and to thwart the new policy and strategy of the enemy, it will be the obvious duty and policy of our planters to abandon

altogether or greatly reduce their cultivation of the great staples, in order to devote their land and labor to raising provisions and supplies which they have hitherto purchased from other countries."

These words may be added the following from the "New Orleans Crescent": "As far as for the raising of the blockade, with the expectation of a resumption of trade with Europe, it is an ignominious farce to present. The blockade will only be opened after severe fighting." The Delta states that it is contemplated to call a convention of cotton planters at which a course of proceeding on this subject shall be decided.

It was observed on "Change" that if cotton planters proceed to grow cotton next year as they have done this, they will again have it over their hands, and find it impossible to turn it into money. More than this—if we should have two or more crops of cotton on hand when the blockade is opened, the planters reduced to extremity for want of money must rush their cotton to market. The European markets would be glutted, the price would go down, a glut of manufactured goods would load the shelves of dealers on the succeeding season, and thus the price of cotton will suffer a depression it might take years to recover from. On the contrary, if provisions are raised, our people will be fed, the schemes of the enemy will thus be baffled, and the price of cotton will be maintained in European markets. This is a subject which should be well considered.

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